



## CHRONICLE POLICY

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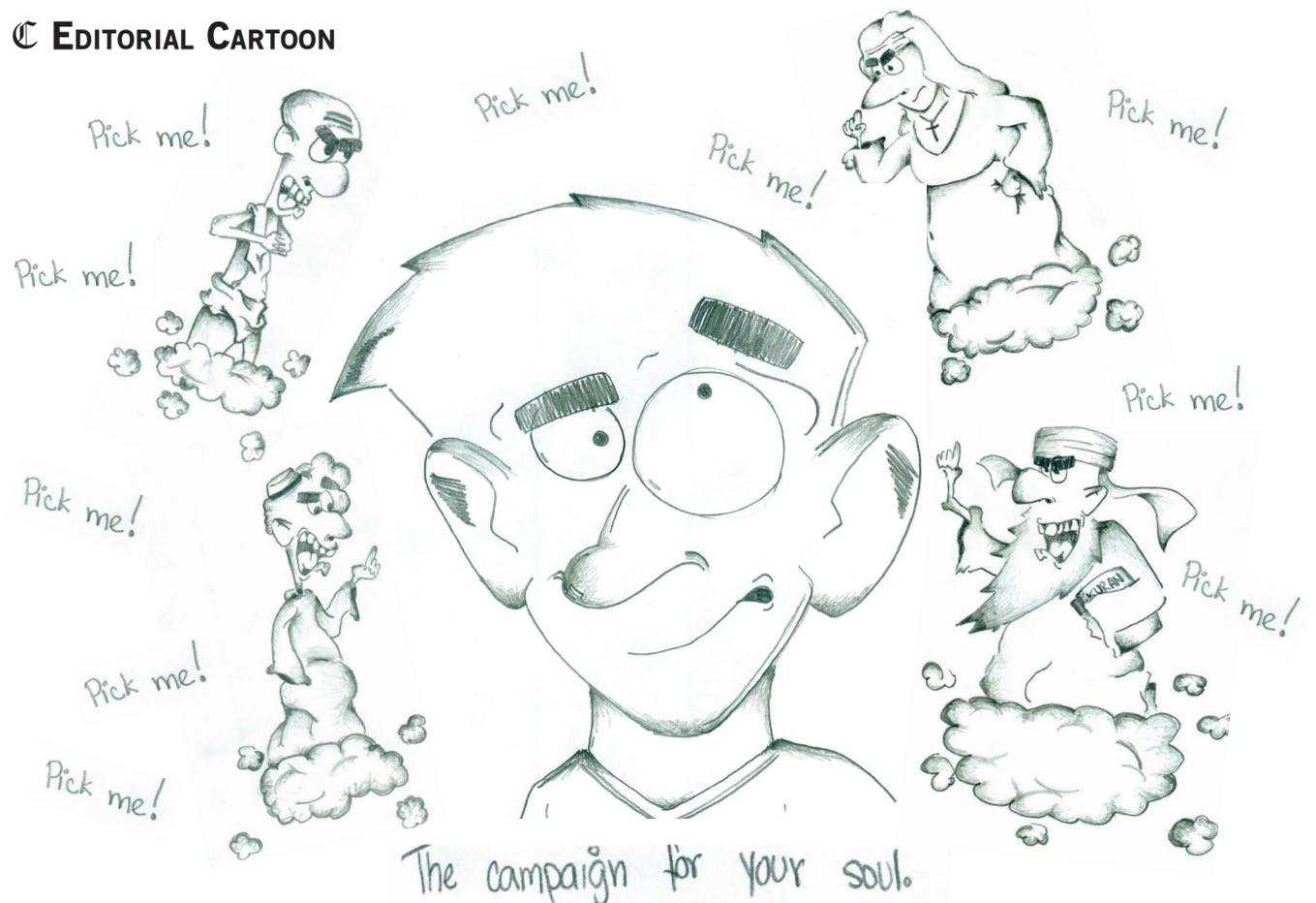
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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



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### Becoming a poster child takes courage

Oftentimes courage is sprawled across headlines in epic tales of heroism. Firefighters, surgeons and mission workers push the boundaries everyday of human strength and tenacity across the globe, but sometimes, the most courageous people are those who find strength in average circumstances at the local level and overcome the invisible boundaries most people push aside each day.

Bullying is an issue that we as high school aged kids hear about every day, but in a district as safe as Mason, we like to think that we are a community of hand-holding, Kumbaya-singing friendly individuals that never fail to support each other. But in a district as big as Mason, issues like bullying get lost in the tide, and we need people like our front-cover model, Rachel Formica to push through and stand as a reminder that we could always be more there for each other. High school is no doubt a difficult time, we do have bullies here, we do have people with issues at home. We all have a buried life, and for people like Formica who are willing to share part of theirs is a step in the right direction towards the school we often are on surface level.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Inappropriate movies have negative influence on students

Dear Editor,

I think *Project X* is [a movie] for high school students with certain insecurities that just want to escape and "fit it" with the generic teenage label. To me, it displays their immaturity and adolescence. The fact that Project X parties are a main topic of conversation amongst seniors concerns me a little because they are supposed to be the role models of the school, but as of now they are basically encouraging underage drinking and drugs. For example, there was a teen in Texas who recently tried to throw one of these parties, which resulted in a shooting. I really hope this serves as an example of the potential dangers of throwing such an out of control party. People in Mason especially have skewed views because of the safe feel in this city. Teens in Mason, I feel, have the feeling of invincibility, which will result in a stunning reality check and I hope it will come before Mason experiences an incident like the one in Texas.

Bhanu Banda, senior

### We should rethink our final exam procedures

Dear Editor,

I think that if you have an A in a class you should not have to take a final exam. A final exam will not boost your grade. It will only bring you down if you are on the edge. For example, if you have an A- in a class and you get a D or an F on the exam, you drop down to a B. If you worked really hard for that A, it would be pointless in the end since [you did poorly] on the final exam. If you have an A and already are passing the class, why take an exam on all of what you have learned, when it is very obvious that you understand the material. Our school should definitely look into this.

Kayla Rousseau, senior